

of the interpretation of serum tests and of their limitations, and of tests of the cerebrospinal fluid.

This book can be recommended to venereologists as offering a sound and up-to-date presentation of the basic pathology of syphilis and a clear and detailed description of syphilis of the skin and mucous membranes. The clinical photographs and photomicrographs are excellent, and the production of the book is of a high standard.

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**Report on the Activities and Meetings of the Coordinating Committee on Abstracting and Indexing in the Medical and Biological Sciences.** 1951. Unesco publication No. 580, H.M.S.O., London. Pp. 92. (5s.).

This publication gives an account of the proceedings of a Unesco committee, formed in 1946 to attempt the coordination of the work of the various national abstracting services, which met during the three following years. Some half dozen short essays on different aspects of these subjects by such well-known authorities

as Dr. Charles Wilcocks, Professor P. Lepine, and Dr. G. M. Findlay are also included, and there is an interesting survey of the work of the committee by its Chairman, Dr. Hugh Clegg, editor of the *British Medical Journal*.

All who undertake the preparation of medical abstracts and many who merely read them will find much in this little book that will both interest and instruct.

G. L. M. McE.

**Lehrbuch der Haut- und Geschlechtskrankheiten.** By Walther Schoenfeld. 1951, Addendum to 5th edition. Georg Thieme Verlag, Stuttgart. 7 pp.

This short pamphlet briefly reviews the latest forms of treatment in skin affections and the venereal diseases, and thus brings Schoenfeld's text-book up to date. Hormone, vitamin, and antibiotic treatment as well as chemotherapy are related to the various diseases in which they have been found efficacious, and advice is given upon dosage and methods of administration.